

## *New Life Celebrates*



*MP Mr Liang (centre) celebrates with New Life.*



Pioneers, partners in the community, passionate people, and providers of funds: these are the people who made New Life what it is today, said Mr John Lim, Chairman of the New Life Board.

Mr Lim was giving the opening address at New Life's 10th Anniversary Dinner on 20 November 2010. The dinner was held at the Yunnan Garden Restaurant @ One-North, and was attended by more than 300 guests, partners, volunteers, supporters, staff and friends. Mr Liang Eng Hwa, MP

for Holland-Bukit Timah GRC (Zhenghua) was the guest-of-honour.

Mr Lim recounted how New Life was formed 10 years ago, when several people, including himself, responded to the call to start a social service arm for Covenant Evangelical Free Church (CEFC) as the church became established in Bukit Panjang. Since then, New Life has provided services such as childcare, Family Life services, Community Health services, Children services, a youth hub, and more. In 2009, Project Love, a financial aid scheme, was also introduced. Coming up next year would be a student care centre and another youth centre, this time in Woodlands.

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New Life Community Services Centre is affiliated to Covenant Evangelical Free Church and a member of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS).

At the dinner, appreciation for the numerous people who contributed to New Life's success was heartily expressed amidst cheers and well-wishes from partners and friends. Long-serving board members, volunteers and staff were honoured, and guests heard first-hand testimonies from beneficiaries.

"I'm blessed to have New Life," said Mr Liang, in his speech. "They have a team of very caring and committed professionals and volunteers, who know what the community needs and how to deliver [the services] in a very thoughtful manner. I'm inspired by their passion and commitment to serve and help the community."

Mr Liang also expressed appreciation of the many collaborative projects with New Life, such as the soon-to-be-opened New Life Children & Student Care. He looks forward to more such collaborations especially in reaching youths-at-risk and in helping parents.



*Children served by New Life.*

"New Life is clearly living up to its mission and vision to love the community. New Life means what she says about building the next generation," commented Mr Liang as he ended his speech.

Guests were treated to numerous performances. One that thrilled guests most was by Clarus Guo, an alumnus of the New Life Youth Hub, and now a volunteer. Clarus swallowed five razor blades before pulling them out again with a string – a feat not to be tried at home!

Seven-year-old Mohd Iman, with two of his peers, wowed the audience by reading out a simple paragraph. His mother, Mdm Rafeah shared that early this year, Iman could hardly read and was failing badly in school. But a



stint in New Life's Steady Readers programme under the instruction of New Life's volunteer Mrs Iris Quah has imbued Iman with a love for reading and his results improved greatly.

The audience also saw magic performances by New Life Youth, a song by Singapore Idol finalist Duane Ho, and youth band *After-WEB*.

In his address, Mr John Lim invited guests to continue supporting New Life in the work ahead as New Life broadens its services and opens two new centres next year. A total of \$1 million of capital expenses and \$3 million of operating expenses have been budgeted for 2011.



*New Life Chairman John Lim thanks contributors.*



*MP Mr Liang honours New Life pioneers.*



*Mdm Rafeah and her son, Iman.*

“ New Life is clearly living up to its mission. ”

Mr Liang Eng Hwa,  
MP for Holland-Bukit Timah GRC  
(Zhenghua)



*Performances at dinner.*

For donation enquiries, please contact Mr Kelvin Ng at **6892 8127** or email **donate@newlife.org.sg**. Donations received in 2010 are eligible for 2.5 times tax deduction for YA2011.

# New Life's MILESTONES

## Registered as a Society

New Life formally came into being as a registered society under the Societies Act on 3 Mar 2000.

2000



## Family Life Services Launched

New Life began conducting family life education talks and workshops.

Service (NCSS) on 16 Sep 2002, and was officially recognized as a voluntary welfare organization (VWO) in Singapore.

## IPC Status Awarded

New Life was admitted as an NCSS Central Fund member on 18 Nov 2002 and thereby granted status as an Institution of a Public Character (IPC), eligible to issue tax-deductible receipts for cash donations received.

## Full NCSS Membership

New Life became a Full Member of the National Council of Social

2002

## Restructuring

Services were reorganised around four "centres" for service delivery: Childcare Centre, Family Life Centre, Community Health Centre and Youth Centre.

## New Life Youth Hub Opens

A boost to New Life's youth work, the hub opened on 4 July 2005 to welcome youths in the community into its doors with attractive programmes and a cozy, friendly environment.



2004

2005

## Children Services Re-established

New Life Children Services began full-scale operations as a separate department after having been subsumed under New Life Youth since 2004.

## Project Love Begun

A financial aid scheme to assist children and youth in their educational needs was started.

## New Life in Woodlands

New Life ventures beyond Bukit Panjang to inaugurate youth work in Woodlands with a Sports Challenge. School-based work and a drop-in service were also started.

2009





### New Life Childcare Commenced

39 children were enrolled in January, and by year's end, it had nearly doubled to 76 children, which is 78% of capacity.

### Inception of Social Services

Tuition services and holiday camps for children were started by volunteers. Volunteer counselors began working with youths in secondary schools. Health talks began, and family

counseling services also began.

### Gazetted as a Charity

New Life was gazette as a registered charity with the Commissioner of Charities on 13 Aug 2001.

2001

### New Life Home Care Launched

New Life Home Care was established on 1 Nov 2002 with strong networks in the healthcare sector and was recognised by the Ministry of Health in the same year as an approved step-down care provider.



### Youth Services Established

School-based counseling, talks and camps began on 2 May 2003.



2003

### IPC Renewal

New Life's IPC status was renewed in July 2007 for 5 years, the maximum period allowed.

2007



### Refocusing to Build the Next Generation

New Life's services refocused on "building the next generation".

2008

### Children & Student Care Completed

The building of our second community-based centre was completed and will be ready to take in students in 2011.

### New Life Celebrates 10 Years of Goodness

A new milestone is reached after serving the community for 10 years.



2010

### Looking Ahead in 2011

- Opening of New Life Children & Student Care on 4 Jan
- Opening of Woodlands Youth Hub in 2nd Quarter



# Celebrating CHILDREN

"I've never seen this place so filled with children and families before!" exclaimed Mr Liang Eng Hwa, Member of Parliament for Holland-Bukit Timah GRC.

Mr Liang was Guest-of-Honour at the 2 October Children's Carnival 2010 at Jelapang Square.

The Carnival was organised by New Life and supported by Zhenghua grassroots organisations and Northwest Community Development Council to celebrate Children's Day. More than 900 tickets were snapped up before the event.

The slight drizzle earlier in the morning did not dampen anyone's spirit as more than 800 children and parents poured into the large tent beside Greenridge Shopping Centre. They were treated to games, performances, crafts, an inflatable pirate ship, and MacDonald's breakfasts.

"This Carnival simply celebrates each child as a wonderful, special person," said Ms Dawn Ang, Acting Head of New Life Children Services, who was very happy with the more-than-expected turnout.

More than just a community event, Ms Ang noted that New Life's act of giving away 240 free Carnival tickets to financially needy families helped make the less well-off children feel special on Children's Day.

The community's response was enthusiastic. "My children really enjoyed themselves," said a mother. Looking forward to the next Carnival, another parent requested, "Please let us know earlier so that we can buy the tickets before they run out!"

Many of the games and crafts promoted family bonding through parent-children teamwork. Trina Soh, 12, and her mother Mdm Irene Neo, were discussing how to win a point in the game of tchoukball. At the craft stations, parents crowded around their children to guide them on colouring puzzles.

The novel games proved challenging and engaging. Malcom Tan, a primary four student at Zhenghua Primary had the privilege trying out a basketball game while seated in a wheelchair. "This wheelchair basketball requires more arm strength and accuracy at shooting the ball," he remarked.





*Children having lots of fun.*

New Life Youths wowed the audience with their magic, and the Sunbeam Children's Choir added audible colour to the event.

Touring the carnival, Mr Liang shared that his dream for this new generation is that "they will be capable and have a strong value system, and in turn, be caring towards others."

With the warm reception to this Children's Carnival, this event looks set to be an annual effort to bring fun and joy to the children of the community. Indeed, there are plans for larger scale events.



*New Life Youth show their magic.*

For further inquiries on New Life Children Services, please call **6892 4353** or email to **[children@newlife.org.sg](mailto:children@newlife.org.sg)**

## For.Your.Interest.

### Children & Student Care Open House

42 parents and 40 children visited the newly completed New Life Children & Student Care at its Open House on 13 Nov. One parent, Mr Cheong, was impressed by the security present at the centre. Eight children were registered on-the-spot.



### Keen to be Green!

The children at Kids Champ Club learned about environmental responsibility at this special session on 9 Oct. Conducted by university students, the children found out about ecological balance and habitat preservation in a fun and interesting way.



### Mentoring by Magic

Magic has been happening at the New Life Youth Hub as 25 youths picked up personal confidence and responsibility through a magic performance mentoring group. 24 sessions have been conducted in 2010 and youths have had fun performing at various events.



### Childcare Visits Primary

17 K2 children from New Life Childcare got a taste of what primary school life is like when they visited Greenridge Primary school on 5 October.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Dec 2010 Christmas in the City

A downtown treasure hunt / amazing race for youths. Call 6892 7191 to register.

### 3 Jan 2011 New Life Children and Student Care Opens

This new service at Blk 507 Jelapang Road offers before-and-after-school-care services for primary school children. For inquiries, call 6892 8040.

### 29 Jan 2011 Kids Champ Club Goes Weekly

New Life Children Services' Kids Champ Club which had been running twice a month since Dec 2009 will begin running weekly starting from 29 Jan 2011.

## OUR SERVICES

**New Life Childcare (Bukit Panjang)**  
*Nurturing Wholesome Children  
In Partnership With Parents*

**New Life Children (Bukit Panjang)**  
*Love Children by Mentoring them  
to become Character Champions*

**New Life Children & Student Care (Bukit Panjang)**  
*Mentor Children to become Disciplined  
and Confident Individuals*

**New Life Youth (Bukit Panjang & Woodlands)**  
*Building Character &  
Developing Resilience*

## SUPPORT NEW LIFE!

New Life Community Services Centre is a not-for-profit, voluntary welfare organisation committed to serving the community through a range of programmes and services that will *build the next generation*. Your support makes a difference!

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